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Change(s) in the regulations governing Honour Moderations in Classics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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Brief note about nature of the change(s)
Revised prescription for Aristophanes’ Political Comedy

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2010*, p. 78, ll. 21-4, replace “The prescribed plays....from the prescribed plays.” with
   “The prescribed plays are *Knights*, *Wasps* and *Lysistrata*. Compulsory passages for translation and for comment will be set from *Wasps* and from *Lysistrata* 387-613 and 980-1220. Candidates will also be expected to be familiar with the ‘Old Oligarch’.”

2. In *Examination Regulations, 2010*, p. 82, ll. 44-9, replace “The prescribed plays....*Acharnians*.” with
   “The prescribed plays are *Knights*, *Wasps* and *Lysistrata*. Compulsory passages for translation will be set from *Wasps* 1-728 and from *Lysistrata* 980-1220. Compulsory passages for commentary will be set from *Wasps* and from *Lysistrata* 387-613 and 980-1220; those from *Wasps* 729-1537 and *Lysistrata* 387-613 will be accompanied by the English translation of A.H. Sommerstein (Aris & Phillips). Candidates will also be expected to be familiar with the ‘Old Oligarch’.”

Explanatory note
(i) Rationale for the changes: These revisions bring this paper into line with the other Special Subjects in format and focus, and change the prescription to better suit the interests of current members of the Faculty, as well as making the option a more balanced and coherent introduction to the political world of Athens in the 5th century. In particular the replacement of *Acharnians* by *Wasps* allows a more liberal interpretation of the historical relevance and the political comedy of Aristophanic drama.